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THIS IS THE WAY TO GO

SAYS DAVID JACK

BRING IN THE SOCCER EXPERTS! That's ASW's message to promoters of future international tours to Australia.

If there is to be a repeat in 1985 of the World Soccer Series, drastic changes will have to be made in the format.

Too many people, with virtually no knowledge of Soccer, have been run-

ning the show. This is why the current series has failed to grab the interest of the public.

Look at some of the blunders:

- Too many teams in the series.

- Too many matches.
- Series spread over too long a period.
- Teams have nothing to play for, no incentive to win.
- Match venues badly chosen.

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Juventus' Nicola Caricola wins the ball from United striker Scott McGarvey in the World Soccer Series game played at the SCG.

FARINA FOR JUVENTUS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

JUVENTUS are ready to offer Frank Farina, Australia's exciting young striker, a trial with them in Italy.

Juventus coach Giovanni Trapattoni told me this when I discussed the brilliant Canberra Arrows striker with the Juventus maestro.

I asked Trapattoni how serious Juventus would be in offering Farina a trial.

He answered: "For me, yes, I would be interested. But every player coming to Juventus has to be the very best."

"I would be happy to train this Farina boy. But my association would have to recommend him to me."

"I must know he is of the best quality. Our players are the best in the world."

"I know and have heard of this Frank Farina through talk and the newspapers," he continued. "I hope to see him in the Australian team for myself."

I informed Farina of this invitation prior to Australia's match with Juventus on Sunday.

Farina smiled and said: "That would be absolutely wonderful for me and Australia. I can't believe they even knew I existed."

"My ambition has always been to become a full-time professional."

"On behalf of Canberra Arrows, I would not stand in the way of Farina's future."

"I will be in Rome in four weeks time, and will venture up to Turin to assist in any way I can."

"I am very proud of young Farina."



FRANK FARINA

EDITORIAL

THERE can be nothing but praise for the early results achieved by both Australian teams in the World Soccer Series.

Is it too much to hope that, after many years of frustration, Australia has finally produced a national side ready to match some of the top national teams in the world?

The Socceroos were close to that desirable aim in 1974 when Raleasic took his perfectly-drilled squad to West Germany for the World Cup.

Unfortunately, Raleasic was eliminated and it has taken Australia many years to find a suitable coaching successor with the ability to put a strong, talented, Socceroo team on the field.

Les Scheinflug was heading in the right direction, building up a useful team which twice sailed into Asia to emerge with Singapore's Merlion Cup.

But Scheinflug was not given the opportunity to take Australia through the eliminations for the 1986 World Cup in Mexico. He was given the sack for no apparent reason.

The traumas of that period are now gone, though not forgotten. And in Frank Arok, Australia appears to have a national coach of considerable ability. AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY wishes him luck.

He will need plenty of luck to guide the Socceroos through a dangerous minefield of elimination contests before Mexico.

Having praised the man at the top, let us not forget that, without maximum effort from his players, no coach in the world can succeed.

The players have performed magnificently in both "A" and "B" teams.

Perhaps it is unfair to single out names but there can be no denying the huge contribution which has come from players like Joe Watson, John Kosmina, Alan Davidson, David Mitchell, David Ratcliffe, Terry Greedy, Tony Franken, the O'Shea brothers, Steve Blair and Jimmy Patikas.

These and some others form the nucleus of what could be Australia's best national team of the post-Raleasic era.

When a man like Ron Fenton, the coach of Nottingham Forest, says he was not surprised by Australia's 3-2 win over mighty Glasgow Rangers, the time has come to sit up and take notice.

Fenton also commented: "Australia is capable of beating anyone."

That is the nicest thing any visiting football VIP has said about the standard of Soccer in this country. What is more, we believe the Forest boss really meant it.

So where do we go from here? Obviously there has to be a follow-up. The close-season tour of China and Europe is the next step. If that trip yields the sort of results we've enjoyed in the World Soccer Series, Australia can start thinking seriously about booking a hotel in Mexico 1986.

To reach Mexico, it will require top coaching from Arok, outstanding and consistent performances from all his players and, perhaps almost as important, a period of stability in Soccer administration in this country.

It has been said several times — and with good cause — that the code in Australia has a death wish, a great desire to self-destruct.

If that nonsense persists among the administrators, we can forget Mexico.

Top coaching and playing standards will count for little if the people running the game cannot get their act together.

Let the big men at the ASF, NSL and State Federations heed the warning.

They can inspire Australian Soccer success or they can be the saboteurs of the sport.

It is a big responsibility. We hope they can handle it.

AUSSIES MATCH ITALIAN STARS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

AUSTRALIA brought off a magnificent 1-1 draw against European Cup Winners Cup holders, Italy's Juventus, in front of the World Soccer Series' largest gate of 36,128 at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

This was not an exhibition match ... far from it, as it had bite, skills, excitement and non-stop action.

Australia was magnificent, driven forward by St George centre-back David Ratcliffe.

Ratcliffe had the unenviable task of shadowing Italian World Cup ace Paolo Rossi. So impeccable, effective and lawful was Ratcliffe that Rossi could not get into the match at all.

In fact after the match at the press conference, Rossi stated that his marker was excellent and most professional in his duties.

Proud

Rossi could not shake off Australia's "Gentile". For me, Ratcliffe would be the equal of Gentile, if not better — a player Australia should be very proud of.

In this series, as well as having to watch Rossi, Ratcliffe has also kept Nottingham Forest's Garry Birley scoreless.

Another unsung Australian hero was Sydney Olympic striker Marshall Soper, who was involved in a spectacular incident in the 28th minute after colliding with the Juventus goalkeeper Stefano Tacconi in an incident in the 28th minute.

By this action, gone was Australia's inferiority complex.

Farina on three occasions sliced his way magnificently through the Juventus defence, but lacked the necessary support so vitally required in the box.

Arok said after the match: "I feel we have proved something here. We can stand up to European giants with some respect from them.

"I was pleased with



DAVID RATCLIFFE

all my players, every one of them."

Meanwhile, a somewhat surprised Juventus coach, Giovanni Trapattoni, said: "Australia played very well and certainly gave us a good match. You do have some very good players."

AUSTRALIA A: Greedy, Davidson, Jennings, Yankos, Ratcliffe.

JUVENTUS: Tacconi, Caricola, Cabrini, Scirea, Brio, Tardelli (Prandelli 56), Bonini, Vignola, Boniek; Penzo (Koetting 63), Rossi.

R E F E R E E : J. Johnston. CROWD: 36,128.

AROK DEFENDS HIS STRIKER

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

AUSTRALIAN coach Frank Arok exploded in defence of striker Marshall Soper at the press conference held after the Australia - Juventus match at the MCG.

Arok erupted after Juventus coach Giovanni Trapattoni started to tell the press in Italian through an interpreter that Soper provoked Juventus goalkeeper Stefano Tacconi in an incident in the 28th minute.

Soper ran strongly into the Juventus box for a 50-



MARSHAL SOPER (left)



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PAOLO ROSSI

SLATER SLICES FOREST

BY KEITH GILMOUR

ROBBIE SLATER, due to return to Nottingham Forest in November, pulled an excellent game out of the hat in Australia's B 0-0 draw with the Englishmen at Sydney Cricket Ground yesterday.

The young St George striker was a few inches off securing a goal in the 74th minute after Tony Henderson had put him through with a glorious crossfield ball to the far post.

Forest showed the more class of the competing sides but some inspired defensive work from defender Tony Henderson and another brave display by Tony Franken kept Australia's goal intact.

Early in the second half Franken was called upon for a top save when facing Ian McInally. Towards the end Notts had the pressure on and finally Australia's Jim Patikas made a run which produced a deal of danger.

Despite the non-appearance of Viv An-

derson, Garry Birtles and Hans van Breukelen from the Notts Forest line-up, the red-shirted Englishmen led the Australian B team a merry dance throughout the first half.

The saviour for the Australians in this period was goalkeeper Tony Franken, who made great saves from Steve Wigley and Steve Hodge.

Franken's only blemish occurred when he threw the ball directly to opponent Peter Davenport.

The hard working striker put Wigley in position and Franken was forced to go low to charge down a dangerous shot.

Peter Katholos had a great chance to put Australia ahead against the run of play in the

36th minute. A lack of balance led to his being unable to put the necessary power into his shot.

Just before half time Tony Henderson, who was marshalling his fellow defenders capably, blocked a difficult ball only four metres from Australia's near post.

AUSTRALIA: Franken, Lewis, Henderson, M. O'Shea, Blair, Rizzotto, J. O'Shea, Katholos, Patikas, Slater (Coie 83), Brown (Egan 69).

NOTTINGHAM FOREST: Sutton, Gunn, Fairclough, Hart, McInally, Boyer, Hodge, Davenport (Riley 80), Wigley, Murray, Mills (Walsh 62).

REFEREE: G. Power.

CROWD: 4,500

BRING IN EXPERTS

FROM PAGE 1

It is almost inconceivable that people could have made so many mistakes.

We will again be accused of negative writing for making these points.

But there is nothing negative about discovering mistakes and making sure they are not repeated.

So let's be constructive. Or maybe the word should be positive.

If the ASF really wants to organise another international tournament here, we suggest the following pattern should be followed.

Limit the competing teams to four ... three from overseas plus the Australian national side.

Play a maximum eight games, the whole affair lasting two weeks, and concentrate on Sydney and Melbourne.

eliminating other cities which cannot get big crowds to these matches.

That should bring a howl from my friends like Queensland's Ian Brusasco and S.A.'s Peter Nikolich ... but if spectators won't watch international Soccer, how do you justify taking it to them?

Above all, give the competing teams an incentive to play seriously and go flat out for victory.

Give them points when they win or draw. Give them a substantial cash prize if they win the tournament.

Here is ASW's suggested format:

Four teams involved call them "A" "B" "C" "D".

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team and \$8,000 for the team finishing last.

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It is a simple format, used all over the world for similar tournaments.

Surely this is 100 per cent better than tossing seven teams into a "series" (not a tournament) which drags

over more than three weeks at great expense, with no prize for success.

Oh, ASW also recommends the teams be Australia, Liverpool, Fluminense and Olympiakos. Or something very similar.

Is it too much to expect that the Australian Soccer Federation will study ASW's plan and work on these lines?

WORLD SOCCER SERIES



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Sunday June 17, 3pm

AUSTRALIA 'B' v IRAKLIS

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Wednesday June 13, 8pm

AUSTRALIA 'B' v IRAKLIS

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'WE CAN HANDLE BRITISH': AROK

BY GREG RUSSELL

AUSTRALIA no longer should be overawed by British style, according to Australian coach Frank Arok.

That was his verdict after the "A" team had drawn 2-2 in Brisbane in its second match against Nottingham Forest to emerge undefeated in the series of matches against British opposition.

"At the start I predicted we would have two draws and one win, we finished with three draws and one win. No-one can now say that the results were flukes," Arok said.

"We were able to contain and hold when we had to, then attack and score when we wanted to. If we now have to play a British side in the World Cup qualifying matches we will know what to do."

Pleasing

But even more pleasing for Arok in the Lang Park game was the way Australia fought back to level after trailing 1-2.

The comeback was inspired by a superb performance from David Ratcliffe, whose tight marking of Garry Birtles restricted the Forest attack.

The "A" team, cheered by a crowd of 5,274, scored first in a move which highlighted the skills of former Young Socceroo Frank Farina. Farina weaved his way down the left to reach the byline and cut a pass back to John Kosmina, who swivelled and fired a shot into the goal.

Australia, playing with Peter Raskopoulos in midfield in preference to Joe

Watson, slightly lost its grip on the match after the break.

A penalty from Steve Hodge after a Steve O'Connor handball and an Ian Bowyer goal after good lead-up by Jim McInally put Forest ahead.

But the Australian team, despite losing Alan Davidson with a knee in-

Amends

O'Connor made amends for his early mis-

takes by rising at the near post to plant a header off a Watson corner into the

jury, continued fighting and were rewarded with a fine goal in the 69th minute.

Both teams could have scored an extra goal each, but brilliant keep-

ing from Hans Van

Bruekelen and Terry

Greedy denied what ap-

peared to be certain

goals.

Greedy's 39th minute

save off Hodge's header

was particularly im-

pressive and his reflex dive

to the left underlined

he is by far the best in

Australia in the position.

AUSTRALIA "A": G. reedy, Davidson (Watson 45), Yankos, Ratcliffe, O'Connor, Jennings, Raskopoulos, Cant, Farina, Kosmina, Soper (Mitchell 74).

NOTTM FOREST: Hans Van Bruekelen, Anderson (Gunn 45), McInally, Walker, Fairclough, Bowyer, Wigley, Mills, Birtles (Riley 57), Hodge, Walsh (Davenport 45).

REFEREE: Tim Davies.

CROWD: 5,274.



STEVE HODGE: Forest goalscorer in Brisbane



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SCOTS GO HOME ON A WINNING NOTE

BY NEIL JAMESON

GLASGOW RANGERS completed their Australian tour with a characteristic flourish by beating Eddie Thomson's national "B" team 4-2 in Newcastle.

The Scots, looking very much at home on a crisp winter's night and on a superb Macquarie Field playing surface, gave good value for the crowd of 6,292.

Stung into action by Steve Blair's scoring header in the 18th minute, Rangers were back on equal terms one minute later when Craig Paterson's shot beat four defenders to creep over the line.

After a dipping shot by Jim Patikas rattled the tourists' woodwork, Rangers found their rhythm and in the 34th minute Aussie goalkeeper Jeff Olver was called on to make a brave save at the feet of Ally McCoist.

Ploy

In the Rangers goal, Peter McCloy stopped a 55th minute drive from Tony Henderson, and three minutes later he darted off his line to halt Patikas' burst from midfield.

With their strikers under tight marking, Rangers used the ploy of introducing players from deep positions.

It worked in the 68th minute when defender Hugh Burns flicked the ball past Olver after

the Australian defence had failed to clear.

In the 76th minute, a crisp build-up down the left saw McCoist beat the offside trap to make it 3-1.

Three minutes later, the smartest attack of the match gave Scottish international Davie Cooper a sight of goal, and he made no mistake with a clinical 20 metre drive.

Doug Brown's 85th minute penalty conversion made it 4-2, but the scoreline flattened Australia.

While Rangers boss Jock Wallace was well satisfied with the second half effort and particularly the performance of young right-back Hugh Burns, Aussie coach Eddie Thomson was philosophical.

"Once they got on top, they really showed what they're capable of," he said. "It was beautiful to watch, but I'm glad we don't have to play them again."

AUSTRALIA B: Olver, Opasinas (Egan 74), Rizzotto, Blair, Henderson, M.O'Shea, Patikas, Selemidis, Katholos, Cole, Brown.

GLASGOW RANGERS:



STEVE BLAIR (left)

McCloy, Burns, Dawson, McClelland, Paterson, Redford, Russell,

McCoist (McDonald 76), I.Ferguson (Clark 65), J.Reeves, McPherson, Cooper.

REFEREE: J.Reeves. CROWD: 6,292.

RANGERS POUR ON PRESSURE, BUT 'B' TEAM SOAK IT UP

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

EDDIE THOMSON's Australia "B" side held Glasgow Rangers to a 1-1 draw at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, in a match that was sprinkled with excitement, some flare-ups and enormous pressure from Rangers in the last 15 minutes.

Star of the match for me was St George right midfielder Johnny O'Shea, who got through a tremendous amount of work with covering tackles.

On no less than three occasions, O'Shea hurled himself into block tackles as Rangers players were lining up shots at goal.

Besides O'Shea, his younger brother and stopper, Michael, was solid, and Australia's twin strikers, Robbie Slater and Charlie Egan, looked highly dangerous with the little service they received.

Rangers launched attack after attack and it looked only a matter of time before Australia would cave in.

Wrath

Skipper and centre-back, Tony Henderson, put in a couple of tackles that earned the wrath of

the Rangers players as well as the referee, Jim Ross. One such tackle was on classy striker Sandy Clark, which earned "Hendo" a yellow card in the 26th minute.

Australia's free-back, the supercool Alex Robertson, knocked a long through-ball wide to Slater in the 30th minute.

Slater broke away to the byline and, as he was being shut down, managed to whip his cross to Egan.

Instead of shooting from eight metres out, Egan stepped over the ball and left it for left midfielder, Marconi's Tommy McCulloch, who scored with a first-time side-footed shot.

Australia's jubilation lasted only three minutes as Rangers' skipper John McClelland, from left-back, pushed up. From 25 metres out on an angle, he blasted a low rocket shot to lock the scores at

Thrust

Enormous pressure was thrust upon the Australians as Rangers came again and again, but Australia held firm. Thomson took off the exhausted McCulloch, and released the pacy Jim Patikas with 13 minutes to the final bell.

Rangers answered with a crashing close-range shot from Davie Cooper which Australia's magnificent young goalkeeper, Anthony Franken, managed to save.

In the last two minutes of the match, Ally McCoist blasted over Australia's crossbar from 12 metres



JOHN McCLELLAND: equaliser for Rangers

J.O'Shea, Miranda, McCulloch (Patikas 77); Slater, Egan.

GLASGOW RANGERS: McCloy, Burns, McKittrick, Paterson, McClelland; McPherson, McCoist, Munro; E.Ferguson (Russell 62), Clark (I.Ferguson 62), Cooper.

REFEREE: J.Ross. CROWD: 4,000.

JUVE v RED DEVILS — AN AUSSIE RIDDLE

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE big Juventus - Manchester United clash at the Sydney Cricket Ground ended 0-0 on goals and 5-4 to the Italian champions on penalty-kicks.

But whilst the game, played in front of a large midweek 24,286 crowd, was between two European sides, it pointed to the enigma that faces Soccer and the Socceroos' World Cup campaign in Australia.

There were skills galore, yet there was none of the bite of the Australia - Glasgow Rangers game on the same arena the previous Saturday.

Careful Australian World Cup coaches need respectable build-up results almost as much as wins and, as so many times in the past, defence will receive extra emphasis.

Counter

Yet, to capture a big public in Australia, the cut-and-thrust of attacking football is needed to counter Australian Rules and Rugby League. So that is the problem in a nutshell.

Personally, I expected just what was served up on the night. Expect the subtleties rather than blood and thunder from a Juve that has just won its championship and the Cup Winners' Cup over a 50-match season.

My prior view was confirmed and indeed Australian coach Frank Aron had the same attitude.

"I can show you the video of the second half of the final against Porto and you will see exactly the same Juventus pattern," he said.

Maybe a competition series in Australian would produce more fire works, but remember that Juventus could not be at their top after arriving only two days beforehand.

But as for those who were there and missed the superb ball work of the great Polish star Zbigniew Boniek, pity help them.

Surely here was one of the great performers to come to this country. Then there was Benianino Vignola of the slide-rule pass, skyscraper Sergio Brio and tidy Gaetano Scirea in defence.

Displays

But the Red Devils, minus players like Robson, Muhren, Stapleton and Whiteside, gave everything they had.

What displays from veteran internationals Frank Worthington and Tommy Hutchinson. Age shall not dim them.

In Gary Bailey we saw a world-class goalkeeper, and his handling of the Paolo Rossi shot proved the point.

Manchester United skipper Gordon McQueen was remarkable in his dedication, and winger Peter Barnes, bottled up on some occasions, had some glorious passages as well.

Yes, but the slow motion periods that brought a minute or so of slow handclapping were there as well.

Afterwards, Juventus' Trapattoni pointed to the tiredness of his players and United's Atkinson reckoned that Juve had attacked his team as much as he would have wished.

JUVENTUS: Tacconi, Gentile (Caricola 78), Cabrini, Bonini, Brio, Scirea (Prandelli 87), Vignola, Tardelli, Penzo, Rossi (Koetting 64), Boniek.

MANCHESTER UNITED: Bailey, Garton (Dempsey 88), McQueen, Moran, McGrath, Hutchinson, Moses, Davies, Graham (Hughes 36, replaced by McGarvey 45), Worthington, Barnes.

REFEREE: P.Ramsey. CROWD: 24,286.



LEFT:
Manchester
United
striker
Peter
Barnes
attempts to
go around
Juventus
defender
Gaetano
Scirea.

BELOW
LEFT:
Antonio
Cabrini
surges past
United's
Peter.
Barnes.

BELOW:
Massimo
Bonini
withstands
this
challenge
from United
midfielder
Alan
Davies.



LEFT:
United
defender
Paul
McGrath
rises high
above
Domenico
Penzo.



BENVENUTO CAMPIONE

La Juventus di Adelaide, che porta con orgoglio i gloriosi colori della sua consorella italiana, vincitrice di 21 scudetti e della Coppa delle Coppe, porge ai dirigenti, giocatori e accompagnatori un caloroso benvenuto. Possa la vostra partecipazione alle gare australiane rifuggere di gloria sportiva degna del vostro nome.

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GENTILE (No 6) celebrates Italy's victory in the 1982 World Cup Final

WHO'S AFRAID OF GENTILE?

IT is unusual for a defender to win the fame that has come the way of Claudio Gentile.

Like Pele before him, he is known world wide only by one name — Gentile.

His first name is rarely used.

The tough Juventus and Italian defender had his equivalent in England's Nobby Stiles, who also participated in a World Cup winning team in 1966 and was catapulted into world fame for his biting tackles — but not to the same extent as Gentile.

Probably the only Australia similar to Gentile would be Manfred Schaefer, for years known as the "hard man" of Australian Soccer.

Gentile personifies the modern defender who is able to be in constant challenge for the ball whenever a striker is receiving it.

At the highest level of the game the quality of the receiving skills of the strikers is crucial to their being able to survive such tight marking.

The ability to turn on the ball is a great asset, one which Marshall Soper has developed to a fine degree for a big man.

However, it is sharp-

ness in getting first to the ball which tells of the quality of the players in modern attacker versus defender situations.

Two or three inches will often make the difference between who gets the ball — defender or attacker.

For the striker, these few inches can mean a flick on to a supporting player; to a defender nudging the ball out of play.

The quality of passes to strikers can often be a telling factor in whether possession of the ball is kept.

Many players are happy to aim the ball in the general direction of the striker when the pass needs to be much more accurate and much more specific.

If the defender is marking on the right side of the striker the ball will often need to be passed to the striker's left foot, away from the defender.

I always remember an argument at Craven Cottage, the home of Fulham, then in the English First Division.

We were playing a practice match and John-

ny Haynes, then captain of England, played a ball to the left foot of our striker, who was unable to control it.

Haynes abused the striker.

However, Jimmy Hill (of TV fame), who was also at Fulham, said: "You know he can't use his left foot. Why do you pass it to that foot? Pass it to his good foot."

Haynes came back with a typical remark that the striker should be able to play with both feet if he called himself a professional.

However, that altercation was an eye-opener to me.

Certainly, the quality of service to the Australian strikers is very crucial during this international series and World Cup elimination games ahead.

In Soper and John Kosmina, Australia has probably its best-ever pairing of twin strikers.

But with the tight marking experienced by modern strikers, they will need everything going for them as they continually operate against many players who are full-time professionals.

The Gentiles of international Soccer gobble up the speculative forward passes which so often in the past have been pumped up to our frontmen.

They can also become quite crude if allowed to do so by naive referees.

Protection of the players, particularly strikers, from Soccer thuggery is vital if they are to produce the type of creative play and goals that spectators come to see.

As a Soccer coach, I have always believed that of all the referee's



BY MIKE JOHNSON

tasks, the most vital to the welfare of Soccer is his ability to protect players while allowing the game to flow.

ASW STAR WRITERS

RESULTS achieved by the Australian teams against visiting Europeans in the present World Soccer Series have given us all new hope for the future of the code in Australia.

Yet so often in the past, Soccer has reached the heights in this country and there has been no follow-through. This time, we must hope the chance to build on the current success is not wasted.



PLATINI

Australians are very confident people. Sometimes they feel they can achieve anything — without help from outsiders. That is the wrong way to make progress in Soccer.

I am sure if some of the stars from Juventus, Manchester United, Nottingham Forest and Iraklis spent a few weeks in Australia talking to coaches and players, it would be a big plus in the development of our game.

SO NEAR TO A BIG WIN

WE frightened the hell out of Juventus at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. And it sure felt great.

Imagine playing against one of the greatest teams in the world and leading them 1-0 with only about 10 minutes to go.

It was marvellous to get the 1-1 draw, but a victory would have been even better.

The equalising goal which saved the Italian's bacon wasn't even hit properly by Giovanni Koetting who scored it.

Maybe the Socceroos will do the complete job in Adelaide tonight (Tuesday).

The heartening thing about Australia's performances in the series is that we seem to improve with each outing.

I believe the team which held Juventus at the MCG is 50 per cent better than it was in the opening game against Manchester United.

We can improve even more.

But I still ask: "When will the Australian public take us seriously?"

"When will Soccer-lovers realise that the 1984 Socceroos are a very useful side?"

I'm not just talking about what might be called the recognised 1st XI.

When young players like Frank Farina have been called on as substitutes, they have fitted in perfectly. This means we have depth in the squad and this is a vital asset.

There has been talk about the MCG match being too rough and tough.

I agree it got pretty rugged at times but don't only blame the Aussie players. Juventus got stuck in just as much as our lads.

Perhaps the major disappointment as far as personalities are concerned was the great Paolo Rossi.

He was far from great.

The player obviously has plenty of skill.

You do not get voted number one in the world without it.



BY JOE WATSON

But if Rossi was not a success, give credit to the Socceroo defenders who kept him quiet.

David Ratcliffe refused to let Rossi weave any magic spells.

Ratcliffe and the rest of the players helped make it a joy day for Australia.

Now let's see how we go in Adelaide.



PAOLO ROSSI

RESULTS MUST BE BACKED UP

RESULTS achieved by the Australian teams against visiting Europeans in the present World Soccer Series have given us all new hope for the future of the code in Australia.

The reason I mention these things is that Michel Platini, the greatest of all Juventus stars, is planning to do some missionary work in the USA.

Platini, who could not come here with Juventus because of the European Championship, wants to move to America when his contract with the Italian team expires.

Europe's "Footballer of the Year" and captain of the French international side, says he needs fresh challenges after playing for several years in France and Italy.

"I cannot find such challenges in my homeland," said Platini.

"My experiences with Juventus have been fantastic," he said, "and I would like to enjoy a similar success somewhere else."

When Platini does move to the USA, be sure he will not go just as a player.

The Americans know exactly how to gain maximum benefit from visiting star footballers. They use

them as lecturers. In fact, some say the great Pele did more good when he passed on his outstanding knowledge to willing listeners and learners in America than he did as a player with Cosmos.

A player like Platini will be a source of inspiration to thousands of young players in the USA ... and even to the most experienced of coaches.

Big-name stars command respect wherever they go. And there is no bigger name than Michel Platini right now.

Lure

Which brings me back to the point I made at the start. Why cannot Australia lure a man like Platini, or Boniek, or Bryan Robson or Beckenbauer here to help Soccer kick on?

Sure, it would cost a few dollars. Sure, the Australian Soccer Federation has very heavy financial commitments as it tries to take the Socceroos and Young Socceroos into world prominence.



BY TONY BOSKOVIC

At least it would do no harm to extend an invitation.

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TOP EXPERIENCE FOR SOCCEROO COACHES

BY TOM ANDERSON

THE experience Socceroo coach Frank Arok and his assistants Eddie Thomson, Atti Abonyi and John Margaritis are getting throughout the current World Soccer Series is something that cannot be bought.

Arok, of course, has been involved in the tough European circuit, but this is something new for his young assistants.

The visit here of Juventus, Manchester United, Rangers, Nottingham Forest and Iraklis gives our national coaching staff, under the direction of "Old Fox" Arok, the chance to talk to their European club counterparts.

Arok in particular was deep in conversation with ace Juventus coach Giovanni Trapattoni before the big Juventus v Manchester United game at the SCG last Wednesday night.

Contact

Eddie Thomson has also been in close contact with his old mentor Jock Wallace of the Rangers.

The interchange of opinions and ideas between the Aussie coaching panel and the overseas men Trapattoni, Wallace, Ron Atkinson of United, Ron Fenton of Forest and Vingel Raus of Iraklis will prove invaluable in our World Cup build-up.

Anyone who has worked with or played under Arok knows only too well that all information is always fully implemented and will be used in our World Cup quest.



FRANK AROK

tional team set-up must get to know their players as men as well as footballers.

Children

There have been times in the past when sometimes men were treated as children and children as

A good coach is indeed a father-confessor for his players — when needed.

Also, with so many games over the four-week period, these coaches will have learned when to "knuckle down" on their charges and when to turn a blind eye and release the pressure valve!

This is ultra important as was proved in the World Cup Final series in Spain in 1982 — especially by Italy's Enzo Bearzot.

Winning coaches are men who know how to take tension off their squads when the going gets tough.

Respect

Nobody realises better than the players when a coach knows his stuff in this department.

Complete respect is gained when they are confident "the boss" knows how to run a professional football team.

Rangers boss, Big Jock Wallace, is one man who certainly knows what is required and this was brought to light on two special occasions during Rangers visit here.

It happened when his unfortunate players, Bobby Williamson and Colin McAdam, broke their legs.

No verification on the leg breaks was allowed back to Scotland.

EDDIE THOMSON

For Messrs Thomson, Abonyi and Margaritis in particular, this month of national team duty will further their knowledge of "getting to know" the national team players, who, of course, come from an assortment of clubs in the NSL.

This aspect of the national team set-up is very essential and one in which Socceroo coach Arok is an expert.

Coaches in the na-

before the wives and families of the players were first informed.

The first things Big Jock did, without panic or running around in circles, was to see his players were receiving top attention in hospital and to ring each of the players' families.

Just a minor example that brings major results in the manager/coach-player relationship.

Confidence

Also it is the act of a thorough professional.

This way of working not only puts the injured player at ease, it gives complete confidence to the other players in the squad that their welfare is receiving top priority at all times.



ATTI ABONYI

Obviously in a series such as this, there has to be a number of injuries, minor and otherwise, in the squads.

And with such little time between games for these injuries to heal, it has put the onus on the coaches to decide whether or not players carrying injuries should play.

Decisions such as this only become successful through experience — consultation with the physiotherapist and fitness tests.

Then there are the day-to-day problems of running a squad which are many and diversified.

All in all, it's magnificent experience for the Socceroo coaches and a situation that can only be of great benefit for our World Cup hopes.

Apart from the playing tactics and physical preparation of the team, morale in the national set-up is the most important ingredient.

And it is joyfully obvious that morale in both Socceroo squads at the present time under the overall direction of Frank Arok is sky-high.

This is indeed the biggest indication as to whether our national coaches are succeeding or failing.

The first step on the long and difficult road to Mexico has been well and truly taken!



JOHN KOSMINA (left)

PRICES TOO STEEP FOR BIG GAMES

BY VIC MIGLIACCIO

THERE'S one very good reason why there has not been a better response to international series Soccer matches in Adelaide — money.

The ordinary working man simply can't afford \$14. And bear in mind the cost of a family going to one of these games.

There have been two matches played at Hindmarsh Stadium so far. The games have featured Australia's A team against Notts Forest and the Australian B team against Glasgow Rangers.

The first match drew 6533 spectators. The second a much smaller crowd of around 4000.

There is a big English population in Elizabeth yet these Soccer lovers could not be found at Hindmarsh — and little wonder.

Of course there have been other contributing factors to the poor crowds.

Publicity, apart from what has appeared in the two local daily newspapers, has been disastrous.

If the promoters want people through the turnstiles part of the answer is to publicise the games.

There are also no South Australian players in the two national squads.

The fact that John Kosmina and David Mitchell are former Adelaide boys is not enough to entice bigger support.

Why wasn't Joe Mullen or Sergio Melta given a look in — at least in the B team?

But the major disapproval of the public is the steep admission charges. Reduce the prices and the fans will come!



BENVENUTO CAMPIONE



BRISBANE CITY SOCCER CLUB, (formerly Azzurri), wish to welcome JUVENTUS to Australia and wish the team every success in the current World Soccer Series.

We also take this opportunity of congratulating JUVENTUS on their magnificent success in the Italian Championship, as well as their 1984 European Cup Winners' Cup triumph.



ANTONIO CABRINI

Gli ex Azzurri della Brisbane City Soccer Club desiderano dare il benvenuto ai giocatori e dirigenti della magnifica JUVENTUS al loro arrivo in Australia augurando loro una serie di brillanti successi sulla scia delle grandi affermazioni europee di quest'anno, come lo scudetto italiano e la Coppa delle Coppe.





ROUND UP

CABAN STRIKES

BY BRAD EARL

KERRY CABAN scored the two goals that gave Leichhardt-APIA victory over Penrith City in the NSL Cup quarter-final at Cook Park.

A goal in each half by Caban saw Leichhardt through to the semi-finals by a 2-0 scoreline.

However, the main talking point after the match was the performance of referee Arthur Owens.

Penrith coach Willie Wallace was very critical of Mr Owens.

"The referee was shocking," Wallace said. "We keep talking about coaches and players bringing the game into disrepute.

"His main job today was to referee Roy Cotton, nothing else.

"We've had a referee who has spoken to Roy before a game recently and told him he was going to put him off the park.

"This is all shoved under the table.

"Now we have this referee (Arthur Owens) three times in the next five games," Wallace concluded.

Cotton received a yellow card from Mr Owens in the second half for dissent.

Leichhardt dominated the first 45 minutes.

and took the lead in the 11th minute from a free-kick awarded just inside the left sideline.

Gary Van Egmond filled the right-back spot well for Leichhardt, with sweeper Arno

BUT WALLACE CRITICAL OF REFEREE

The ball was played high across the penalty area to the right side, where John Bradley headed it back to Caban, whose header snuck in off the upright.

Penrith, without Jeff Ainsworth through injury, were subdued by Terry Butler and Co in midfield.

The Panthers improved their performance in the second half, with three good chances to equalise, before Caban broke away from the defence and scored with Leichhardt's second six minutes from time.

Bertogna suspended, while stopper Mark Pullein was as strong as ever.

PENRITH: Gibson; Brogan, Hale (Cross 36), Daley, McIntosh; Wotherspoon, Nix, Fitzharris; Easthorpe, Cotton, Jackson (Hunter 62).

LEICHARDT: Parkes; Van Egmond, Brown, Bozanic, Pullein; Tredinnick, Butler, De Ceglie (Colagiuri 52); Bradley, Caban, Morsello (Genovese 67).

REFEREE: A. Owens. **CROWD:** 530.

ROY COTTON (right)



TONY CRACKS FOOTSCRAY'S EXTRA-TIME

WINNER

BY VIC MIGLIACCIO

FOOTSCRAY caused the upset of the NSL Cup quarter-finals when they downed Adelaide City 3-2 at Olympic Sports Field.

But they needed 30 minutes of extra-time to do it after the score at full-time was 2-2.

Footscray's winning goal came from a perfectly timed 25 metre shot from substitute Tony Caban two minutes before the end of extra-time.

Had Footscray lost, they would have been unlucky because they played some brilliant spirited Soccer ... a vast improvement on their game against City 21 days earlier which they lost 0-2.

The Adelaide City side showed that they still have problems in their midfield, although import Nello Scarpa gave it some stability.

Footscray scored their first goal in the 47th minute when the City defence moved too slow to clear a loose ball in the box and Zdravko Lujic bulldozed his way through to score.

The visitors maintained their lead until the 55th minute when Steve Maxwell scored from close range.

In the 69th minute, from a free-kick just outside the penalty

area, Jamie Paton slammed the ball past keeper Willie McNally.

Adelaide City fans went wild when Tommaso Talarico made it 2-2.

Vlatko Belic was in top form for Footscray, while Joe Cecere was outstanding for Adelaide City.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Cecere, Nys-

kohus, Scarpa, Flounders, Melta, Talarico, Villani, Maxwell, Rankin (Tobin 96).

FOOTSCRAY: Boland, McDowell, Hazabent, Kyriakouleas, Curovic, Belic, Karic, Tansey, Paton, Lacmanovic (Caban 96), Lujic (Simic 104).

REFEREE: T. Martell. **CROWD:** 2,500.



KERRY CABAN (left): two-goals for Leichhardt against Penrith

NEWCASTLE V SYDNEY CITY

BY NEIL JAMESON

ANOTHER Jack-in-the-box performance from diminutive striker Derek Todd highlighted Newcastle United's 3-0 NSL Cup quarter-final win over Sydney City at Adamstown Oval.

Todd did not score but paved the way for the first goal in the 75th minute when he turned on Andy Thompson's shallow cross to rifle in a 25 metre shot which Todd Clarke could only parry into the path of Dean Milosevic.

Four minutes later in-form centre-back Mike Boogaard rose at the far post to nod home David Jones' pin-point cross from the left.

With the greatly depleted City committed totally to attack, United broke quickly from defence in the 88th minute for Milosevic to put the sealer on a stirring Cup tie.

NEWCASTLE: Dorman, Maier, Thompson, Power, Boogaard, Kirby, Senkalski, Brandt, Milosevic, Jones, Todd.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke, Rodriguez, K. Falconer, Gomez, Lynch, Kay, Lee, Falconer Barnes, De Marigny, Murray (Fletcher 80).

REFEREE: R. Davies. **CROWD:** 1500.

MELBOURNE

CROATIA V BRISBANE

LIONS

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

Melbourne Croatia maintained their momentum to defeat Brisbane Lions 2-1 at Melbourne's Olympic Park.

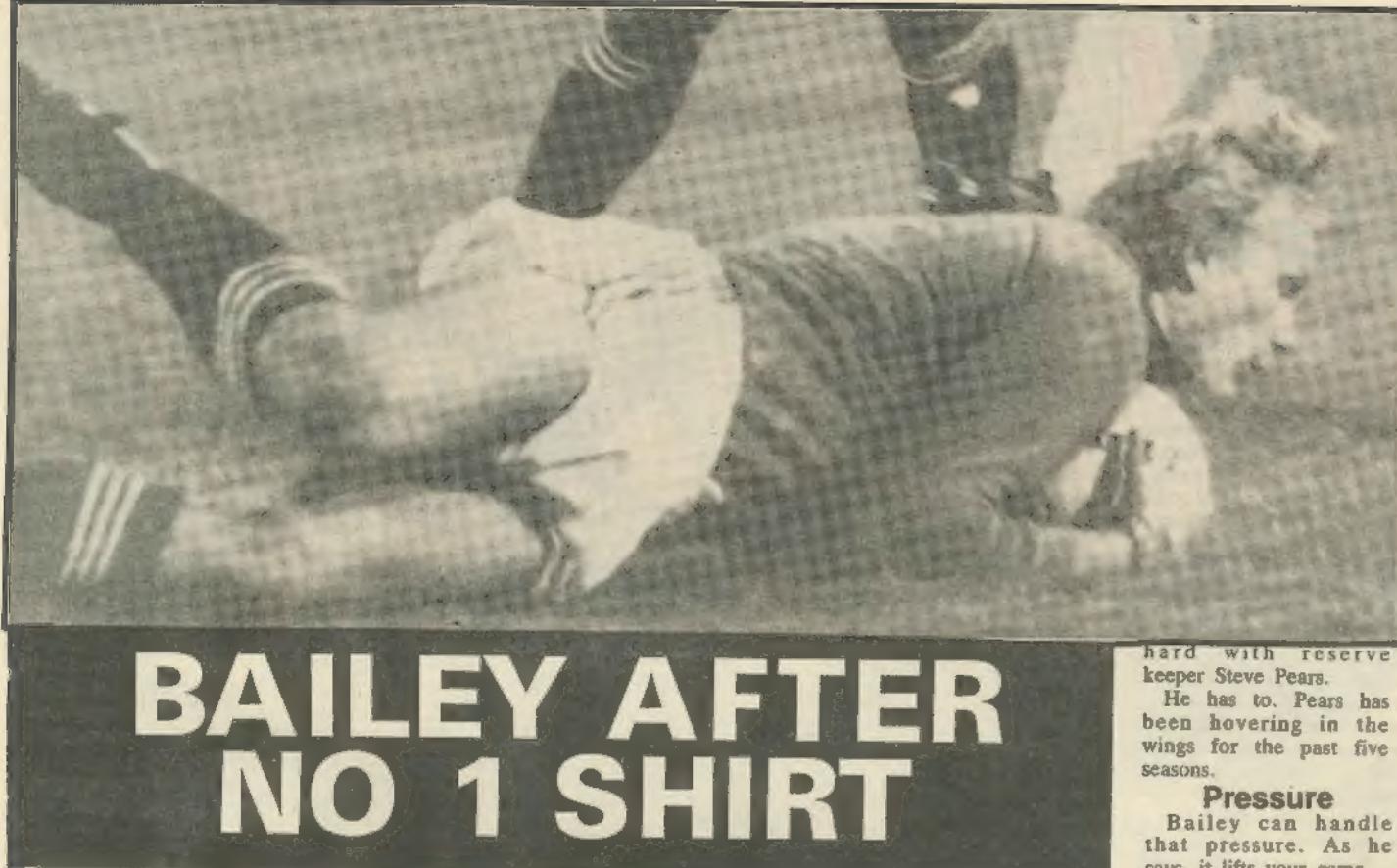
Croatia battled for 95 minutes to break the deadlock with a penalty from David Brogan.

Lions failed to take the lead in the 17th minute when Croatia's goalkeeper Peter Blasby brought down Jim McDonagh inside the box. Alan Niven's casual kick sailed over the crossbar.

Croatia seemed certain qualifiers after the goal but Lions levelled the score after 105 minutes when McDonagh tapped into the net from a rebound off the post from a Russell Stuart free kick.

CROATIA: Blasby, Curcio, Parton, Deankovic, Hannah, Antolovic, Markovac (Campbell 106), Biskic, Gajevic, Brogan, Cumming.

BRISBANE LIONS: Farrow, Jacobson (Daunt 102), Charlton, Vasquez, Niven, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Ogden, McDonagh, Junna, Fulton.



BAILEY AFTER NO 1 SHIRT

BY ANDREW PASHALIDIS

"I DON'T know about Juventus, but I thought we played well enough to win the game," remarked Manchester United goalkeeper Gary Bailey after last week's World Soccer Series match at the SCG.

Although Manchester United were defeated 5-4 in a penalty shootout after both teams were locked at 0-0 after 90 minutes, United were clearly the better side.

Bailey was one of the best performers for United, always cool under

pressure and confident in aerial attacks.

Ironically, it was the game against Juventus in the recent European Cup Winners Cup semi-final that stands out in Bailey's career.

"I think that was my best-ever perform-

ance. The atmosphere and pressure playing at Turin were unbelievable. It was a great experience," he said.

Although Bailey didn't get a chance to play against Australia, he rates them highly.

Good

"Judging by results they have to be good," he said.

"They beat Rangers and drew with Nottingham Forest and United. Those results speak for themselves."

On the three-match series against England last year, he commented: "Although many people said England didn't play well, they are still the English team."

"You're still talking about top-class players. Don't forget they are full-time professionals and the Australians are only semi-professionals."

Bailey has been playing First Division football with United for the past five seasons after spending one season as reserve to the world-renowned Alex Stepney.

Watching him train at the Gabba Stadium last week was an interesting experience. He works

hard with reserve keeper Steve Pears.

He has to. Pears has been hovering in the wings for the past five seasons.

Pressure

Bailey can handle that pressure. As he says, it lifts your game.

During the past couple of seasons, Gary Bailey has been fighting to get a first team spot — at national level.

Playing for the England Under 21 side, he has been applying pressure to first-choice goalie Peter Shilton recently.

"I think I have been playing very well lately," he said.

"Shilton is the number one choice and it makes it very difficult.

"Although I'm over-age, playing for the U21s is giving me that extra experience. I think I'm being groomed to take over if Shilton is unavailable.

"It's not easy. It depends on Shilton's form — he is a tremendous goalkeeper," Bailey added.

Gary Bailey is one of Soccer's refined and articulate gentleman.

He has a burning ambition to wear the No 1 jumper for England. And if he perseveres, senior national honours should not elude him.

IRAKLIS SERVE UP THE BEST

BY MIKE MYSTAKIDIS

"Let's go to see good Soccer."

That's what the Greek supporters say every Sunday when Iraklis is playing in and out of Salonika.

And this is not an exaggeration... it is a fact.

Iraklis played the most entertaining Soccer in the Greek competition during the past two seasons.

Showman of the team is the captain Bill Hatzipanagis. Born in Russia on the 26th October 1964 of Greek parents, he started his career as a 13 year old.

His first team was Pachetor. In 1975 he signed up with Iraklis and he renewed his contract last month for four years worth 35,000,000 drachmas (Aust \$350,000).

One week before Iraklis departed for Australia he received a brand new car as an appreciation of his services to the club.



HATZIPANAGIS (left) pictured with ASW's Mike Mystakidis

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY met Hatzipanagis soon after he stepped on our shores.

Hatzipanagis is the best and most skilful player in Greece. But he can't play for the Greek national team.

When we asked him how he felt to be the best and out of the national team he said: "The roles are rules. Never mind what the papers say. I played six times with the Russian national side and simply I can't play for the Greek national team."

Last month in Zurich, Greece officially put a motion to FIFA FOR Hatzipanagis to be allowed to play for Greece. FIFA delegates voted against this motion 16-1.

The only country which voted in favour was Australia.

So, Hatzipanagis said to ASW:—

"Thanks to the ASF for supporting me in this serious case."

When we asked Hatzipanagis how much he knows about Australian Soccer he said: "Nothing. It will be a good experience for me to play here and I hope the people who will come to see us will be pleased."

Will Iraklis go flat out to win, or entertain the fans?

"First thing for Iraklis is to return back home with as many wins as possible," he said.

INJURIES HIT SOCCEROOS

BATTLE SCARRED Australia has injury problems going into tonight's return match in Adelaide with Juventus.

Captain-striker John Kosmina, midfielder, Ken Murphy, and both outside-backs, Alan Davidson and Graham Jennings, all sustained some heavy knocks last Sunday in Melbourne against Juventus.

By JOHN ECONOMOS

AUSTRALIA will meet Juventus for the second time within 48 hours tonight at Football Park, kick-off 8pm.

Last Sunday, Australia stunned Juventus, holding the 1984 European Cup Winners' Cup holders to 1-1, with attacking Soccer at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Adelaide is expecting a big crowd at the magnificent Football Park which has a capacity in excess of 50,000.

Adelaide City's president, Charles Caruso, told ASW last night: "Advance ticket sales have been fantastic so far and we are expecting the biggest Soccer gate Adelaide has ever experienced.

"With Juventus' galaxy of stars, the Adelaide Soccer fans are in for real top class entertainment, and I expect a gate of some 20,000 tonight," Caruso concluded.

Australia retains the reliable backline of Davidson, O'Connor, Yankos, Ratcliffe and Jennings.

A most pleasing factor for Arok has been the performance of Aus-



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traliano. I bianconeri, che si fregiano dello
scudetto italiano e di quello

europeo, saranno graditissimi ospiti della JUVENTUS di MEL-
BOURNE, al Town Hall di St. Kilda, la sera del 10 giugno.

MELBOURNE JUVENTUS take this opportunity to extend the warmest
welcome to Turin's glorious team, winner of the Italian Championship
and the European Cup Winners' Cup. They will be feted in the course
of a dinner at the St. Kilda Town Hall on June 10, thus providing an
opportunity for these Soccer stars to meet their many fans.

FARINA ON THE VERGE

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

DURING the past few seasons Australia has produced many fine and skilful young players.

One such player is Frank Farina, who has the ingredients to become one of Australia's greatest strikers.

His progress during the past two years has surprised many critics.

Last week Farina played his first full game at senior level against Nottingham Forest in the World Soccer Series.

Standard

"It felt really good out there. It's a very high standard compared to the NSL."

"Remember that we are playing against full-time English professionals."

"The games against these teams are much quicker, but I enjoy it," Farina added.

Australia drew 2-2 against Forest and Farina set-up the first goal for captain John Kosmina.

In the game against Glasgow Rangers at the SCG, Farina entered the game in the second half and was unlucky not to score, hitting the

woodwork once and being foiled by experienced Rangers keeper Pat McCloy on another occasion.

A very mature 20-year-old, Farina accepts these letdowns in a game.

"It's just one of those things. You have to bounce back up and do better the next time."

Farina, whose father is of Italian background, could have been lost to Australian Soccer.

"I started playing in a local competition in Cairns," he said.

"I didn't play in any national age championships for Queensland. I suppose Cairns was too far away from everything."

"We had a schools Soccer clinic in 1981 and I attended. Ron Smith and Jimmy Shoulder were there and they asked me to come down to the ACT and join the Institute of Sport.

"I decided to try my luck and moved into the Institute in 1982," Farina concluded.

He finished last season on a high note winning Channel 0/28's "Most Entertaining Player of the Year" award.

This season he has scored seven goals in 12 games for the Arrows.

Before the season started he encountered contractual problems with a Queensland club Maroochydore, whom he had played with for six games in 1981.

Understandably, the youngster didn't want to recall the problems he had with Maroochydore. As he puts it: "the less said the better."

Farina just wants to continue what he loves most — playing Soccer.

He has experienced the trials and tribulations of top-class Soccer in Mexico.

Ironically, he may return to that country in 1986 with the Australia national team should the Socceroos qualify for the next World Cup Finals.



FARINA (left) congratulated by Prime Minister Bob Hawke after winning Channel 0/28's "Most Entertaining Player of the Year" award last year

QUEENSLAND KID CRACKS UK SPOT

BY GREG RUSSELL

A QUEENSLAND youngster has gained an apprenticeship with newly-promoted UK Second Division club, Wimbledon.

Former Acacia Ridge midfielder and Queensland Under 16 and 18 representative, Jon Burgess, is currently holidaying in Brisbane after finally being rewarded for knocking on the doors of a seemingly endless number of British clubs.

Burgess, 17, the son of Acacia Ridge secretary John Burgess, went to En-

gland first for a trial with West Ham.

"They said I was just one of thousands trying out," Burgess said.

Despite that setback, the determined youngster refused to give up and eventually won a three-month trial with Wimbledon where he played mainly in the youth team but several times in the

club's reserves side.

And Wimbledon coach Alan Gillett must have been impressed. He told Burgess to be back at

Wimbledon for pre-season training on July 1.

In February, former Pine Rovers youngster Jason Polak was signed on apprenticeship forms with FA Cup finalists Watford.



FRANK FARINA (left) surges forward for Australia against Glasgow Rangers

MULLEN REFLECTS ON OMISSION

BY VIC MIGLIACCIO

JOE MULLEN, the Adelaide City striker, was dropped from the Australian squad prior to the current World Soccer Series.

That disappointment came on top of his omission from the World Youth Championship squad last year.

"Obviously I was upset at being dropped from the national squad, but the biggest disappointment of my career so far occurred last year," Mullen said.

"I was injured two days before the Australian Youth team were due to leave for Costa Rica, and then I was left out of the squad for the WYC Finals in Mexico."

The 20-year-old English-born striker said he would like to have the opportunity to prove himself in the national team.

"My ambition is to play well for Australia," Mullen said.

Mullen believes that living in Adelaide can influence a player's

chances of selection in the national squad.

"I think if you play in Sydney or Melbourne you have a better chance of exposure," Mullen said.

"This is probably the biggest reason why good players like Bobby Russell, Robbie Dunn and David Mitchell left Adelaide."

However, Mullen could also see the value of being selected in the initial training squad.

"Spending time in the training camps with the squad was a good experience, and I am grateful for even that much."

"I hope to get back in the squad with some hard work and goals for Adcity," Mullen concluded.



DAVID MITCHELL



JOE MULLEN (right) challenged by St George right-back David Skeen

BEFORE the present World Soccer Series it was said that there weren't 40 international-class players in Australia to fill two national squads.

Yet when a player like Robert Wheatley is unable to make the 40, the standard of Soccer in Australia must be high.

Wheatley, 22, is in competition with three other players in their early 20s for the Australian right-back spot — Alan Davidson, David Skeen and Paul Carter.

Wheatley, the Blacktown City defender and last year's NSW State League U21 Player of the Year, was nominated in the press as a candidate for selection in the New South Wales squad for the April game against Queensland.

Exposure

"That was at the time when we had a really good run with four wins on the trot, and I got some exposure," Wheatley explained.

"But then we lost a bit of momentum, losing to Sydney City on Anzac Day and then to Sydney Olympic.

"Being in a team that is performing can assist your selection chances."

Wheatley didn't make the squad, with Jimmy Cant playing right-back in Brisbane.

"That was the turning point. If I'd got in and played, I think I would have been selected in the national squad.

"You've got to be Johnny-on-the-spot," he said. "Just look at Tony Pezzano ... he went from virtual obscurity to playing for Australia against Manchester United.

"I'd love to be there," Wheatley said of the current international series.

"It's a reward to be selected; even sitting on the bench is an honour, as you're part of the action and you're mixing with the overseas stars."

Five players from the 1981 Australian team that made the quarter-finals of the World Youth Championship are playing for either the national "A" or "B" team — Peter Raskopoulos, David Mitchell, Jimmy Patikas, Steve Blair and Oscar Crino.

BY BRAD EARL

Wheatley's proudest moment in the Green and Gold shirt was playing for the Youth team in the 2-1 win over Argentina at the Sydney Sports Ground.

In the team on that historic day was Paul Kay, the Sydney City midfielder.

After the WYC, the two spent three months with English club Charlton Athletic.

Kay was also overlooked for the current international series, and Wheatley would like to



see him given an opportunity to play for the national team.

Wheatley, an intelligent defender who can play just as easily as sweeper, is noted for his attacking forays on the right side of the field.

Yet he is not an irresponsible player, and he knows his first job is to stop goals.

His approach to the game is to be consistent.

"You go out every time to do you're best,

WHEATLEY'S RIGHT-BACK BATTLE

and to play better than the week before."

On the representative front, he real-

ises he has only one more chance this year — the Socceroos' overseas tour at the end of the year.

And if the name of Robert Wheatley is on the list, the young defender's persistence will have paid off.



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CHIT CHAT



BLACKTOWN CITY scooped other NSL clubs last week by inviting Manchester United to train at home ground Gabble Stadium and enjoy a meal at their social club.

Over 1,000 people attended the session and it was warmly received by everyone — especially the youngsters.

Full credit should be given to the Manchester United team.

It was a long way to travel from their Rushcutters Bay headquarters to Blacktown, particularly the day before their big game against Italian rivals Juventus.

MILITANT people in the National Soccer League are all set to renew their battle with the Australian Soccer Federation as soon as the current international games are over.

The NSL failed in its bid to prevent its players representing Australia but this was only a temporary setback.

More than one NSL official has assured ASW: "Next time we demand action from our players, they WILL obey."

Another storm is brewing. More's the pity.

ADELAIDE CITY coach Edmund Kreft has a big decision to make when Mark Gatenby is fully fit.

Gatenby was playing as a central striker but was switched to the midfield for four games before his ankle injury.

However, in the last two home games, Gatenby did not perform to his best and received stick from the fans.

Kreft has hinted that Gatenby could return in a midfield position, but who will he drop — Sergio Melita, Charlie Villani or new Italian import Nello Scarpa?

FORMER Newcastle striker Bob Mountford has bought out his contract at Brisbane City and will return south.

Mountford, who came to City on a free transfer this season, did not settle in Brisbane and found form difficult to find.

Although he was selected in the Queensland team to play New South Wales last month, Mountford had scored only one goal in Brisbane.

"It's very disappointing, but I can understand Bob's reasons," City coach Joe Gilroy said.

"It's disappointing for the team too, as his attitude was tremendous and he was using his experience to help a lot of the youngsters at the club."

The loss of Mountford had left Gilroy even more anxious to sign another striker before the transfer deadline this month. He has even advertised in Scotland for a striker.

But Gilroy has blamed the uncertainty about the future of the National League as a stumbling block to City making a quick signing.



SERGIO MELITA (left) loses out in this challenge against Sydney City midfielder Peter Falconer

IT was obvious long before Manchester United landed in Australia for the World Soccer Series that the famous Red Devils would be without most of their stars.

So why was the public misled? Why did people from the ASF keep assuring the doubters that United would be almost at full strength and their team would be packed with international stars?

It is too late now to remedy the damage, but this must never be permitted to happen again.

The public was taken for a ride...an expensive ride, too.

When Manchester United lined up against Australia at the SCG, no fewer than nine first team players were not on the field.

Names? Gary Bailey, Arthur Albiston, Mike Duxbury, Ray Wilkins, Bryan Robson, Arnold Muhren, Frank Stapleton, Norman Whiteside and Remi Moses.

Who said United "might be short of two or three players?"

Might as well stage a Beatles concert without Lennon and McCartney.

MELBOURNE CROATIA president Joe Sigur believes the club's decision to join the National League was wrong.

Sigur, disappointed by poor attendances to the NSL Cup games, described as "peanuts" the amount of \$30,000 compensation granted to NSL clubs by Australian Soccer Federation Marketing.

League manager Steve Kamasz said: "ASF Marketing agreed to compensate the NSL clubs competing in the Cup for their financial losses because of the staging of the World Soccer Series at the same time."

Sigur complained: "By the time the amount is divided into 24 shares, we will not receive enough money to cover our laundry for the Cup games."

MANCHESTER UNITED star Peter Barnes has fallen in love with Australia and would like to come and guest for an NSL club in the next English off-season.

"It is a tremendous country and I would like to come back with my wife to play in the off-season," declared the wizard of dribble.

Meanwhile Barnes' immediate future is still undecided — if he does not join United, another First Division club are expected to sign him up.

THE Soccer career of skilful striker Alf Stamp has taken as many twists and turns as he might make on one of his characteristic dribbling runs.

Alf left Scotland to pursue his Soccer in New Zealand and wound up playing in the Kiwis' national side.

Former NZ captain Alan Vest coaxed him over to Australia to join Newcastle KB United. "Stampy" served the club with distinction, first as a player then assistant coach.

When KB United folded, Alf joined Ken Kaiser at West Wallsend and the partnership has been a fruitful

Under Kaiser's coaching, Westy have maintained the lead in the Northern NSW first division, with Stampy being very much the senior player in an otherwise youthful side.

ADELAIDE CITY expect to have another Italian import playing for them

The name of the player will not be released until he arrives in Adelaide.

He is 19, a central striker and has just finished a very successful season with Entella Chiavari.

BRISBANE'S National League clubs have given several promising local young players their chance this year.

Lions have Rob Farrow, Russell Stewart, Alan Hunter, Roddy Vasquez and Danny Wright, while City's team includes Gary Bromfield, Ken Swan, Lee Scriggins and Stephen Glockner.

By playing against top opposition, these players have improved greatly. Results have not been the best for the two Brisbane clubs this year, but they have built a good base for the future.

However, that future may be back in a local "State League" competition, if predictions about the dismantling of the NSL structure come true.



RUSSELL STEWART

DURING Manchester United's visit to Blacktown, young Blacktown City midfielder Brett Thorntwaite was "stumped" when a young Soccer enthusiast asked him if he played for Manchester United.

Thorntwaite, who has travelled with English First Division club Watford, is tipped to have a big future in the game.

Who knows? One day he might be wearing the Red Devils' colours.



BRETT THORNTWAITE
ASW men have attended all matches in the current international series and, after comparing notes, one thing stood out a mile.

None of the games kicked off punctually at the advertised time. That's not good enough. Even in sleepy Spain, the bull fights start exactly on time!

MOST clubs prefer to play matches at home instead of away.

Not Sydney Croatia. From their National League and Cup games at King Tomislav Park this season, they have only gained one point...from their 1-1 draw with St George.

TUESDAY June 5 will be long remembered by Eddie Tesero.

Tesero, who has played for Sydney City and Melita Eagles, was ecstatic to see and talk to Juventus' Italian heroes at training at the Sydney Athletic Field last week.

It's been a disappointing two-year period for Tesero.

A couple of years ago he was playing for Italian Second Division club Palermo, then returned to Australia and played for Melita Eagles in the NSW State League last week.

However, he was badly fouled in a game against Avala, which put him out for the remainder of the season with a severe knee injury.

This year he made a comeback with Melita but aggravated the injury, and he won't be able to play for another year.

"When Italian international Gaetano Scirea signed my cast, he made me realise what a great game this is. I want to play again," Tesero said.

IS STATE-OF-ORIGIN SOCCER'S ANSWER?

BY NEIL JAMESON

REPRESENTATIVE Soccer could experience its greatest boost in years if administrators heed the call to promote a State-of-Origin series.

The huge public acceptance of the State-of-Origin concept by fans of other football codes has prompted some Soccer fans and officials to speculate as to how the idea would work in the round-ball game.



PETER TREDINNICK

A cursory perusal of the NSL ranks suggests that the return of some of Australia's top players to their home States would make for a keenly-contested and highly promotable series. For instance, a South Australian side led by Socceroo John Kosmina would almost certainly stimulate great interest in Adelaide.

The idea gained renewed currency last week with the playing of Australia "B" v Glasgow Rangers match in Newcastle.

With no Newcastle-bred players in the initial selection, the promotional merits of the match were queried. One suggestion was that a Northern NSW State-of-Origin team might have been far more promotable fare than the Aussie "B" team.

The idea naturally enough caused a ripple of excitement throughout the Northern NSW region, with pundits speculating on the strength of a side selected from the likes of Graham Jennings, Howard and Peter Tredinnick, Marshall Soper, Peter Stone, Joe

Senkalski, Gary Phillips, Mike Boogaard, Kerrey Caban, David Lowe, Ralph Meier and company.

The NSW v Queensland Rugby League clashes have exposed the huge well of parochial pride that exists in the northern State, and Soccer's administrators would do well to note that it all adds up to cash, media coverage and prestige.

Interstate rivalries are the stuff on which Australian sporting traditions are based and Soccer's "truly-

national" image could mean it is the one football code capable of taking maximum advantage of the idea.

Properly packaged, it would be one positive concept that the ASF could take into the market place with every chance of picking up major and subsidiary sponsorships plus additional television coverage.

From an equally positive viewpoint, it could help solve some of the undercurrents of discontent simmering in Soccer strongholds out-

side Sydney and Melbourne. It is widely held that players from those two centres have far greater chances of making the Socceroos' squad.

An interstate series would give many "fringe" players the chance to parade their talents at the highest representative level below national selection.

The most difficult problems that would need solving are when such a series would be played and under what format would the players qualify for selection.

With regard to the demands placed on clubs to provide players for representative duty, it would still be possible to allocate suitable time to play the series and still maximise public exposure.

One suggestion for selection qualification is that if a player played his first senior football in Australia for a club in a particular Soccer State, then he is eligible to play for that State.

This would mean that not only would the "home grown" stars be available, but the likes of Joe Watson, David Ratcliffe and Charlie Egan could represent NSW, Queensland and Victoria respectively.

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TERRY GREEDY

ly, Australian residency status would, of course, be one of stipulation.

It would be imperative for everyone in Soccer to view the State-of-Origin series as one of the most important events on the calendar. There is no way that Aussie Soccer will be able to promote international series involving the likes of Juventus, Manchester United, Iraklis, Nottingham Forest and Rangers each year.

For that reason we must have an annual representative promotion that appeals to not only Soccer fans, but numerous others who currently do not attend club games.

It is naive for Australian Soccer to believe that our limited

international commitment alone can promote the likes of Kosmina, Greedy, Davidson, Watson, etc, as household names.

By tapping the vast depth of parochialism that exists at State level, Soccer could not only cash in on the gains made by other sports, but use its truly national appeal to take a great step forward.



LONG TREK FOR TWO

BY PHIL MURPHY

FAIRY MEADOW reserve grade players Nick Acevski and Steve Gabriel certainly showed plenty of club spirit when their team played Artarmon recently.

The two youngsters missed their transport from Wollongong and many players would have been content to forget about Soccer for the day.

Artarmon is one of the points furthest away from Wollongong in the league, but the players decided they would make the trip.

They caught a taxi to Wollongong Railway Station, a train to Central and another train to Artarmon before finishing the journey in another taxi.

Even though it was a Sunday, they managed to get to the ground before the reserve grade fixture started.

Would you believe one of them only played part of the game and the other sat on the bench the full 90 minutes.

No wonder players in all three grades gave them a round of applause when they showed up at training on the Tuesday night.

DAPTO full-back Micky Southwell doesn't score many goals, but his effort against Premier League leaders Fernhill was worth waiting for.

Fernhill had allowed in only two goals in their first nine games but Southwell made it three when he sent a great 30 metre drive past goalkeeper Alan Duncan.

Dapto scored again later in the game which meant Fernhill had kept their goal intact for eight of the first 10 games.

CRINGILA coach Daryl Glover has had an unavoidable task with his new team early this season, but says there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Cringila suffered a couple of heavy defeats and went three games in a row without scoring a goal.

Basically a Yugoslav-

backed club, Cringila seem to be improving with every game as the coach gets to know the strengths and weaknesses of his players.

Glover also is coach of the Illawarra Youth squad which played Canberra at the weekend.

A former goalkeeper and later centre-half in the old State League, Glover looks to have a bright future in coaching and certainly has the dedication.

WEST-FIGTREE midfielder Phil Brown could not have timed his return from suspension better.

Brown is back on deck after missing six games just as another Figtree midfielder, Geoff Fellowes, left on an overseas trip.

Fellowes doesn't attract a lot of attention in the Figtree side but there is no doubt his work-rate is one of the main reasons the team has been so successful in recent years.

Figtree officials are hoping he will be back for the important games towards the end of the

SINCE the retirement of Sydney referee Tony Boskovic, Don Campbell now assumes the position of senior referee with a FIFA Badge.

He will be in charge of the Juventus v Australia "A" match at Football Park on June 12, and the Sydney match against Iraklis on June 20.

Don has not refereed in the World Cup Finals yet, and he admits that it is his lifetime ambition. This may alter in 1986.



DON CAMPBELL

REAL BATTLE IN MID-STATE

BY JOHN DUNWORTH

ONLY five points separate eight teams at the end of the first round of the Mid-State competition.

At Waratah's Sports Ground, a well organised Canobolas Rangers proved too strong for Waratahs, running out winners 2-0 with goals to Alan Renike in the 15th minute and Glen Olsen in the 50th minute.

Billed as a local derby, the match did not reach great heights, although it was hard fought and clean.

Rangers dominated the first 20 minutes.

After a good five minutes into the second half by Canobolas, Waratahs attacked for long periods only to be thwarted by the Canobolas defence of Alan Renike and Philip Wells, who were the best players for Canobolas.

Up front, Glen Olsen played havoc with the Waratah defence.

Waratahs midfielder Ian Macdonald had another outstanding game but sadly no-one ran off him.

Other players worthy of mention were Steve Hooper and Robbie Brown.

Highlights of the game were the two penalties saved by each goalkeeper.

Canobolas, after a poor start to the season, have

now strung three wins together to be one point out of the four.

Waratahs, on the other hand, have slipped from equal first to fourth.

Cowra showed improved form in their match against East Dubbo United, after the break with a goal from Willen De Roover.

Edu hit back with four goals through Steve Watts (two) and Robert Crowe (two). They were Dubbo's best players.

Cowra were best served by Stephen Burns and Nick Berry.

The upset of the round was the defeat of Lithgow Thistles at the hands of Parkes, 3-2.

Best players for Parkes were Garth Lambourne, Greg Peterson and S. Tullock, who scored three goals.

It was unfortunate for Parkes to lose their sweeper Winston Orr with a broken leg.

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AROUND NEW SOUTH WALES

COMPILED BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

POLONIA WIN SCRAPPY GAME

POLONIA climbed two places up the ladder after defeating a disappointing Warringah-Narrabeen 2-1 at Chopin Park.

Although Polonia collected two points, one official summed up the 90 minutes as: "One of our worst performances this season."

Young striker David Thomas, who was one of Polonia's best performers, shot the home team ahead after only three minutes.

A shot from experienced frontrunner Henry Kowalczyk was parried by the Warringah keeper but Thomas followed through to slot home the rebound.

During the remainder of the first half Polonia created a few goalscoring chances but lacked bite in front of the Warringah goal.

David Rylands, who was

signed from NSL club St George two weeks ago, levelled the score for Warringah in the 54th minute following a goalmouth scrimmage.

Polonia defender Mike Fogarty sealed Warringah's fate with 12 minutes remaining scoring from close range.

POLONIA: Barker, Pratt, Devani, Fogarty, Galas, Thomas, Z. Garkowski, Anderson, Juchniewicz (Jordan 60), Lumdsdaine (Sobcysk 60), Kowalczyk.

WARRINGAH: Duncan, Griffin, J. Earl, Garrett, Collings (Rylands 45), Hanley (Sturgess 70), Jack, Bulloch, McLean, J. McDonagh, Sandner.

JEFFEREY DOUBLE

KU-RING-GAI striker Glen Jefferey emerged as the two goal hero in his side's 2-1 win over Yugal at Parklands Oval.

Had it not been for a fine goalkeeping effort from Yugal's Peter Berry, particularly in the first half, Ku-ring-gai could of added more to the scoreline.

Berry kept Yugal in the game. In fact, in the dying stages, Yugal scored their solitary goal and almost levelled when a shot from Marco rattled the woodwork and was cleared from danger.

The Chasers opened

the scoring in the 16th minute.

Terry Bertram, a tower of strength in the Ku-ring-gai defence before being taken off the field with an ankle injury, combined with Jefferey with the latter scoring from an acute angle.

Jefferey scored his second goal in the 82nd minute with a glancing header following a free-kick from midfielder Andy Tracey on the left.

Yugal substitute Jesic stunned the home crowd in the third minute of injury time scoring for the visitors with a well-executed shot over Ku-ring-gai goalie Andrew Prentice.

Seconds later Marco almost salvaged a point for Yugal but was denied by the woodwork.

GENC IMPRESSES

BANKSTOWN-NATIONAL held semi-final contenders Auburn-Uruguay to a 0-0 draw at Potts Park.

It was a good result for Bankstown. In their previous three outings they had conceded 17 goals.

The introduction of captain Wayne Coates and reinstated Warren Kennedy added depth and strength to the Bankstown backline. Regular

sweeper Jim Meerbanu moved into an attacking midfield role.

Aytec Genc, Bankstown's 1983 third grade Player of the Year, had an impressive debut in the top grade.

In fact, it was Genc who had the best chance to break the deadlock. In the 28th minute he intercepted a attempted backpass and his shot deflected of Auburn keeper Carlos Rosano and was cleared from danger.

Auburn looked well in control, particularly in the second half, but didn't create any clear cut opportunities in front of the Bankstown goal.

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Bkstown 11 2 2 7 10 27 6

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Bkstown 9 2 2 5 8 18 6

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MONARO BOUNCE BACK

INTER-MONARO bounced back on the winning trail comfortably defeating Avala 3-1 at Knight Park.

Monaro are outright leaders on the table and will prove to be a difficult opponent in the coming weeks under the guidance of new coach Vic Fernandez.

Peter Ahrens, one of the State League's consistent goalkeepers, had a disappointing game for the home side.

In the 20th minute Monaro striker Monterosso broke through and his attempted cross from the by-line deceived Ahrens and flew into goal.

Billy Wilcox pushed the score to 2-0 in the 53rd minute following good lead-up by Angelo Ambrosino.

Eight minutes later Ahrens was beaten again when a free-kick from Walter Valeri was driven past the unsighted Ahrens.

Avala scored their consolation goal in the 87th minute through Ricky Budini.

AVALA: Ahrens (Thurlow 70), Lucceschi, Da Silva, Budini, MacKenzie, Duvnjak, Williams, Kodor, Mahamah (Harris 45), Barton, Milne.

INTER-MONARO: Hocking, Domazetovic, Williams, Ambrosino, Francis, Wilcox, Monterosso, Santohn, Farrell, Valeri, Djordjevski.

STATE LEAGUE 1st DIVISION:

SAINTS YOUNG CHAMPS

AT the halfway mark, the four St George Youth League teams between them had only tasted defeat three times in 52 games.

This magnificent record speaks volumes for the success of the St George teams and their coaches.

Attending to the boys are: U13 coach Steve McArthur, manager Garry Haanemaan; U14 coach Peter Whyte, manager Ray Mason; U15 coach Trevor Trotman, manager John Lay; U16 coach John Hedison, manager Garry Baxter



Under 13



Under 14



Under 15



Under 16

AMBITION ANKUDINOFF

SUPER KEEN staff coach Greg Ankudinoff this year is attending to Sydney Olympic's successful U/14 and U/15 NSW Youth League teams.

Greg was a tough young defender, full of ambition, but his career was prematurely ended by a series of injuries. And that led him into the coaching field where he was already well established in schools Soccer.

He started his senior playing career with the now defunct Western Suburbs Soccer Club, and played his initial first grade game at 17.

From there he took over a first team spot at Sydney Olympic and then moved on to Melita Eagles.

To gain playing experience he spent some time in England and it comes as no surprise that he intends to go there again.

This time the idea is to return with his English FA coaching badge.

In coaching, he knows how to handle junior players, getting the best out of them with just the right amount of discipline to ensure that there are no problems to upset them.

This year he took over control of the NSW Country U/13 team — yet another challenge for the 26-year-old teacher.



BARKER ILL

Long serving Ian Barker has tendered his resignation as secretary of the Albury

Wodonga Soccer Association, of which he is a Foundation and Life Member. Ian is

seriously ill and is currently hospitalised in Melbourne.

OLYMPIC — MARCONI SUPERB AT SCG

SOME super players are coming through the ranks for future Australian World Youth squads if the Sydney Olympic — Marconi Under 16 match at the Sydney Cricket Ground is any indication.

Olympic won 1-0 in front of the huge crowd present for the Juventus — Manchester United game, although Marconi put on a storming finish.

Olympic's David Harris netted the winning goal early in the game through a bunch of defenders, after Theo Kotsias had set up the chance with a fine cross from the right.

In the next phase Nick Oustambasidis attempted to set up his attack. Kotsias produced a screamer which was punched out and the Marconi defence cleared.

Niko Genaris made a great run to beat off two defenders on the resumption, but after that Marconi's Robert Fontana

had a second-to-none chance to equalise with a lob but he fired over.

Marconi pressed but lacked cohesion at the vital moments. George Bitmanoo rolled his free-kick outside the box to Stephen Cordillo, whose chest-high drive was safely held by Olympic keeper Frank Bragias.

Olympic finished with an angled drive into the Marconi net but offside was ruled by the referee.

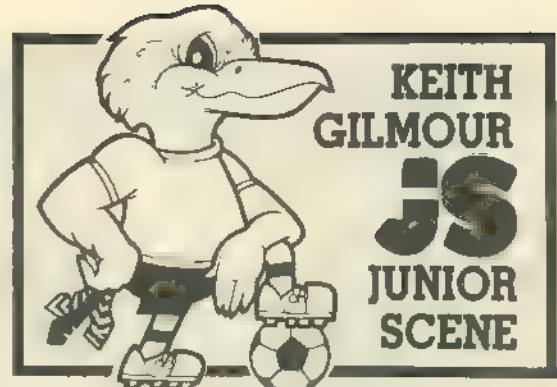
Fair-haired replacement Paul Tzinski put tons of pressure on for Marconi, but it was Olympic's Genaris who went closest when his shot whistled past the upright.

Overall it was the great

midfield work of Genaris, Oustambasidis and Kotsias who carried the day for Olympic in a tremendous display of positive Soccer.

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NSW ATTACK YOUTH LEAGUE ROUND 18 — JUNE 9

GROUP A

	U13	U14	U15	U16
St George v Croatia	4-0	1-0	2-2	2-0
Illawarra v Ku-ring-gai	3-0	2-0	3-1	0-1
APIA v Bankstown	5-1	3-0	2-1	9-0
Auburn v Canterbury Assn.	4-0	5-2	0-1	3-0
St. Dist. v Blacktown City	3-0	1-1	1-2	1-6
Macarthur v Baulkham Hills	3-5	0-2	0-3	0-2
Melita v Yugal	6-0	2-0	1-2	6-0

GROUP B

	U13	U14	U15	U16
Sydney Oly. v Granville	2-1	4-0	2-3	2-0
Marconi v Avala	0-1	3-0	2-0	0-1
Sutherland v Gladesville	1-1	6-0	3-0	1-0
Manly v Cant-Marr.	0-2	0-1	1-3	2-3
Nth Bankstown v Sydney City	5-0	1-1	0-3	0-3
Blacktown Assn v Rockdale	4-2	0-1	2-1	7-0
Nepean v Central Coast def				

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

ROUND 2b — JUNE 10

U12

	U12
Ku-ring-gai v Bankstown	1-2
St George v Gladesville	0-0
Canterbury v Sutherland	0-0
Granville v Illawarra	0-0
Blacktown v St. Dist.	3-0
Central Coast v St & Eastern	def
Nepean bye	

SAM IS KEEN

"YOU have to get around if you want to get results" is an old adage, but it can be equally applied to some of today's Soccer youngsters.

Centre-forward Sam Bendeich from the M.I.D. town of Leeton is a case in point.

BY FRANK FINLAY

He went all the way to Albury to compete in an Under 12 competition, and the Leeton boys won the final 1-0 against Albury Hotspurs.

Other results were 6-0 v Melrose Park Rangers, 3-0 v Lavington and 2-0 v St Pats.

Sam has plenty of drive out on the pitch. He runs well, thinks well



and shows immense potential.

He kicks like a mule and just needs to put in a bit more work on his heading.

Taking up Soccer in 1980, he has been awarded his team's best and fairest award each year. Young Sam also obtained the best and fairest trophy at Albury

ADVANTAGES OF MINI-SOCCER OVERLOOKED

THE sheer commonsense of playing Mini-Soccer for Under 6 and 7 players in a six-a-side format has been lost on certain clubs in the Nepean District Soccer Association.

These clubs have set up "unconnected" sub-committees which are running 11-a-side teams.

The small-sided games were set up years ago by prominent youth coach David Lee.

Very close attention was given to scaling down team numbers,

playing area and goal sizes to ensure that young players had football in accordance with their size and stage of development.

The other main point was to remove the competitive element and allow kiddies to play "just for fun."

NEPEAN SCHOOLS INITIATIVE

THE big annual Schools Soccer KO tournament will be held at Jamison Park, Penrith, on Saturday.

Each school in Nepean's vast territory was invited to enter girls and boys in the Under 9, 10, 12, 14 and secondary open grades.

Nepean's attitude in

working so close to the schools is to be commended.

It is a refreshing attitude that could be copied by other associations to further propagate the sport.

BLACKER BACK WITH EAGLES

A FRIENDSHIP forged in the days of the defunct Sydney Prague Soccer Club led to Jimmy Blacker taking control of Melita Eagles' U15 Youth League team.

Blacker emigrated from England to Australia in 1966 and was a stout defender with the successful Prague team through to 1973.

Playing with Prague in those days were present Parramatta Melita coach Raul Blanco and his assistant Dennis Hoggart.

Not knowing a word of English, Blanco had ar-

rived from Argentina and was an immediate success.

Hoggart, like teammate Les Scheinflug, was a perfectionist in everything he did on the field.

Jimmy Blacker played also with Preston Macedonia and Croydon City. A business commitment brought him back to Sydney — and the Eagles.

IN Dick Powell, the Riverina Branch of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation has a capable and devoted secretary.

He is extremely keen on Soccer, saying: "It is the one football code in which all people are equal."

"Skill plays a great part in Soccer and the size of the player makes little difference," he said.

Born in England 35 years ago, Dick came to Sydney with his wife and four children in 1971. He moved to Temora five years later.

He graduated from Oxford in 1970 with a Bachelor of Engineering degree and is now an Australian Councillor of the Association of Professional Engineers.

His profession is as a water supply engineer with the Northern Riverina County Council.

Dick started out as secretary and president of Temora United Soccer Club.

Next he had four years as South-West Slopes Association secretary, and then moved up the ladder to Branch secretary. He is also a Level 3 referee.

A dedicated peacemaker, he wonders whether Soccer will reach the top of the tree in the district. But he will remain an optimist and a dedicated worker for this grand game.



DICK POWELL: THE COUNTRY PEACEMAKER

BY FRANK FINLAY

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SCHOOLS SOCCER NEEDED

WHILST it is good to see NSW Youth League U16 teams playing early games to the international at the Sydney Cricket Ground, only part of the job has been done.

A number of the games should have been allocated to schools matches, preferably in the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup series.

It is one thing to rely on the best of weekend junior teams, but it is another to overlook the development of the games in the important secondary schools area.

This mistake should be rectified on the first possible occasion.



READY FOR COMBAT

BY FRANK FINLAY

RICK PORTER played with Hull City. When he came to Australia it was with Blacktown United.

This year he is player-coach with Lavington Soccer club in the Albury Wodonga Association.

Rick is a well balanced footballer and a fitness addict. He believes that socialising with his players pays off with results.

He was captain-coach with Border Soccer Club in 1981/82. In 1979/80 he coached Albury Hotspurs when they won the championship.



Plenty of goalmouth action in a Sutherland Shire representative game



Pictured above are the Macarthur U14's who competed in the Amundsen Memorial Cup played in Bega recently.



The Under 15 Sutherland Shire Representative Side for 1984.
Back: Greg Logue, Scott Leney, Sean Scott, Adam Kelson, David Ensor.
Middle: Bob Hill (Manager), Michael Ryan, Michael Lardis, Brett Parkes, Craig Hill, Scott Tye, Andy Baber (coach).
Front: Anthony Massarotti, David Harrop, Stewart Miller, Darren Burnell.

SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE

SERDERON PTY LTD, Sydney's Polythene Distributors, will award \$1,000, split between five lucky junior clubs, associations, schools and organisations for their contributions to ASW for the period April 3 to September 25, 1984.



These can be in story and/or pictorial form. Photographs should be in black and white and have good contrast, although colour snaps will usually turn out satisfactorily.

The prize are: 1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$100, 4th \$100, 5th \$50. The decision of the editorial staff of ASW will be final.

METRO LEAGUE WINS SUPPORT

THIS WEEK, with the Metropolitan League competition for women's teams a third the way through, we took a look at the reaction shown by the teams entered and the prediction by the president of the NSW Women's Federation.

Originally the "baby" of Alan Lytton, the senior coach for the NSW women's group, the contest came into being last year on a trial basis.

His contention was that there should be a competition which would provide girls with a greater test of their ability.

His idea was challenged at first when quite a number of affiliated associations considered that this type of contest could not equal the inter-district representative competition.

For many years, the inter-district provided quality contests where the cream of the district's women Soccer players pitted their skill against one another.

It was from these games that most of the prospective State players showed out.

Looking back over the inter-district records, it was quite common to have a 10 — team competition with most of the 12 associations taking part.

Last year, however, sufficient support was raised to again place the matter before the management of the Women's Federation.

By no means a unanimous decision by all associations, the competition was accepted with reservations that it had to prove itself or once more be relegated to the "too hard" basket.

After a certain amount of administrative problems such as teams withdrawing at the last minute, the contest got underway with six teams playing — a far cry from the previously well-accepted inter-district competition.

Viable

However, the contest proved that it could be a viable proposition and was again given the go-ahead this year.

But has it been accepted as much as it should have been?

Initially, Lal Byers, the NSW women's competition secretary, drew up a plan that would have 12 teams taking part. Yet, through repeated withdrawals of teams for one reason or another, he had to re-draw five times before arriving at a competition.

The contest opened with seven teams taking part, two from the Gladesville-Hornsby Association, one from Manly-Warringah, one from St George, one from Holroyd, one from Blacktown and a visiting team from the Central Coast association.

That's not many when there are approximately 100 grade one teams in the Sydney metropolitan area.

I asked Lal Byers what he thought of the Met-

opolitan competition to date.

"It was a bit of a mess to start with because of washed out rounds and postponed games, but it seems to have gone very well after that," he said.

BY DON BALMAIN

Mr Byers said that it is going to develop into a close competition and, whilst Epping-Eastwood and Arncliffe Scots are up on top at this stage, other teams have improved.

representative competition is on the way out. It is a shame, but I really believe that it will go."

Formed

Mr Byers said he felt that the inter-district competition was formed so that the State coach could look at the prospects for State selection instead of just seeing them at the State Championships.

"Looking at the inter-district and Metropolitan competitions, the old criteria that there is too

do this would be accepted immediately," he said. "Any NSL secretary, especially in the Sydney area, could contact me on 896 1837, and I would even re-schedule the games to accommodate them so that they would be assured of getting top matches.

"If we could get two good games before an NSL crowd, it would let them see that the girls could really play good football."

Interest in the Met-



Gladesville-Hornsby rep players Margaret Young (right) and Chris Henson (left) in club action

I asked him if there was any indication of interest at this stage for the Metrop next year.

"Yes, there will definitely be a competition next year," he said.

"We are moving towards our basic aim of first and reserve grades which will be great if we can get it going but the word is out that the best

much football comes back, and that eventually we will have to have these top teams playing on a Sunday instead of Friday nights.

"I have suggested to our president, Mr Whitcombe, that we move like the men have done in that we no longer have individual clubs playing Federation football. We will

opolitan games played at local association grounds seem to have fallen far short of expectations, however.

I asked Lionel Sneyd, the coach of the Budgewoi side, what had been the reaction of his girls to play in the Sydney competition.

He said that the Metropolitan competition had come just at the right time for his girls.

They were getting "browned-off" at the lack of competition in their own area and could not play in the Newcastle area. The team was getting disenchanted with going out each week and winning by a "cricket score", Mr. Sneyd said.

"When the idea of playing in the Sydney competition was raised, the girls were overjoyed," he said.

For a final comment, I contacted the president of the NSW Women's Federation, Phil Whitcombe, for his impressions.

He said that more people were starting to recognise it as the top competition. In his own association, Holroyd, Mr Whitcombe said there had been a special meeting of clubs where the emphasis was placed on the juniors being prepared so that they could play in the Metro league.

This was a very good sign, because although there were early indications of people wanting to shun the competition, Mr Whitcombe said that al-

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way to go will be through a senior and an Under 18 which will probably be better again.

"I don't know if everybody will be able to do it but it will force people like one — team clubs to get moving and find a back-up team."

Lal said that from his point of view, as the president of the Gladesville-Hornsby Association, he could put three teams on the park and they would do reasonably well.

Asked how he compared the Metropolitan competition against the inter-district competition, Mr Byers said.

"You really have virtually the same girls in there. I believe the rep-

any opportunities to

ready he had got news of more teams to enter the contest next year.

This competition has all the earmarks of becoming a worthwhile contribution to the women's Soccer

scene and Alan Lytton and the people who were right behind him to get it off the ground have shown foresight in recognising the potential.

Unfortunately, I feel

that too often, too many people are too interested in what is happening in their own area and not what would be good for women's Soccer as a whole.

CROATIA, MARCONI CLEAR LEADERS

BY PETER RUSSELL

GROUP leaders Croatia and Marconi continued their good form in the National Youth League Cup with narrow away wins over Penrith and Melita Eagles respectively, whilst in the three other matches played the teams had to be satisfied with sharing the spoils for the day.

In a fairly even game at Cook Park on Saturday, former Sydney City player Nelio Borges scored the only goal of the game in the 69th minute with a clever half-volley which gave keeper David Hayes no chance.

The game was mainly played around the middle of the park with both teams attacks thwarted by David Hayes in the Penrith goal and Greg Woodhouse between the sticks for Croatia.

At the Bruce Stadium, Canberra, the Arrows were held to a draw by a weakened St George side. Frank Madaffari opened the scoring in the 5th minute when he followed up an Alan Reis pile driver to send the rebound home.

Manis Lamond repeated the action in the 35th minute, this time to his own shot. Mike Grebevski and David Wilcox scored for the Saints.

At the Gabbie Stadium the Demons dominated the first half but failed to get someone on the end of one of the numerous crosses they fired across the Olympic goalmouth.

In the second half both sides scored twice.

Olympic opened the scoring in the 62nd minute when George Haniotis volleyed home a Chris Kalantzis cross, then in the 70th minute Nick Theodorakopoulos treated another Kalantzis cross in the same manner.

Ashley Palmer outran the Olympic defence to pull one back in the 73rd minute and five minutes later Mike Quaraby volleyed one home from 20 metres.

At the Balgownie Oval, the Wolves held Leichhardt to a goalless draw.

Despite the scoreline, it was a match full of action, good football and end to end stuff with both keepers getting plenty of opportunity to show their talents. Bob Catlin had a particularly outstanding game in the Leichhardt goal.

At Melita Stadium on Sunday, Marconi continued their winning streak in the 'Cup' with a narrow 2-1 victory over the Eagles, but despite the presence

However Peter Sharne finally beat him in the 20th minute when he was on hand to slot the ball home from close range after good lead up work by Monsalve and Reid.

The Eagles got a well deserved equaliser in the 60th minute when Tony Lewis headed over Dragan Pupovacs head from 10 metres. In the 71st minute Ricky Monsalve got the winner for Marconi when he slotted it home from close range after the Eagles defence failed to clear.



Chris Kalantzis.

LEAGUE CUP ROUND 3

GROUP A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia	3	3	0	0	7	1	6
Canberra	3	1	1	1	7	6	3
Olympic	3	1	1	1	7	6	3
Blacktown	3	1	1	1	3	6	3
Penrith	3	1	0	2	3	2	2
St George	3	0	1	2	2	8	1

GROUP B

Marconi	3	3	0	0	9	1	6
Wollongong	3	1	1	1	5	5	3
Sydney City	2	1	0	1	8	9	2
Melita Eagles	3	1	0	2	8	10	2
Newcastle	2	1	0	1	1	4	2
Leichhardt	3	0	1	2	4	6	1

ITALIANS LAGGING BEHIND

THERE is great rivalry between Italian and English clubs in the premier competition in world club football — the European Cup.

But the English clubs are well ahead, in fact they've picked up twice as many titles as the Italians. The scoreboard reads "England 8 Italy 4" fol-

SEND FOR THE VAN!

RONNIE HELLSTROEM, the popular Swedish international goalkeeper, had a testimonial match from his German club, Kaiserslautern, and was overwhelmed with the kindness of fans who presented him with dozens of farewell gifts.

In fact, there was so much gear, Hellstroem had to hire a van to take away all the stuff.

Kaiserslautern boast 50 regional fans clubs and each club weighed in with a gift for the departing Swede.

EDER GETS BOOKED!

EDER has been booked in Belo Horizonte, but not by a referee.

The Brazilian international was booked in the criminal court on an assault charge from team-mate Murilo.

It seems the incident

PSV AIM TO SIGN DANE

MICHAEL LAUDRUP, the Danish international who has failed to settle in Italy with Juventus, is top of the shopping list for PSV Eindhoven, the Dutch club.

Unfortunately, PSV are suffering many frustrations in their bid to get the young genius and may soon tire of the struggle.

Laudrup was loaned by Juventus to Lazio of Rome. But there is no doubt he is most unhappy playing in Italy.

Juventus coach Trapattoni has a high regard for Laudrup and is reluctant to let him leave Italy for Holland.

It would not be easy bringing the player back to Turin once he leaves because a promised ban on imports would prevent Laudrup re-entering Italy.

lowing Liverpool's exciting penalty-kick victory over A.S.Roma recently.

Italy first won the European Cup in 1963 through A.C.Milan, who beat Portugal's Benfica in an exciting final played at Wembley.

Milan also took the trophy six years later. The other club from Milan, Inter, also won the Cup twice, in 1964 and 1965.

This has not been a good competition for Juventus, currently touring Australia.

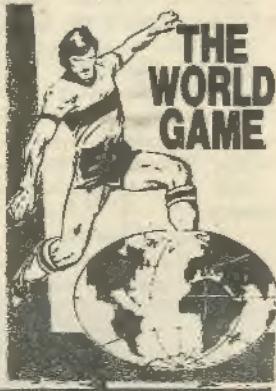
Juve have played in two European Cup Finals and were beaten both times.

English victors in the Cup have been Liverpool (four times), Nottingham Forest (twice), Aston Villa and Manchester United, the first English winners.

TOP PAY DAY

THERE is good money to be picked up in Spain where the four-team tournament is to be played in August.

Payments to competing teams are:— A.S.Roma \$100,000, Vasco \$66,000, Manchester United \$66,000, Bilbao \$60,000.



IS EDU THE BEST MAN?

EDUARDO ANTUNES COIMBRE, better known as Edu, the new Brazilian national coach, still must prove himself before being confirmed as boss of Brazilian football.

Some critics say he has not had enough top coaching experience to hold the job permanently.

Edu, however, has played under many great coaches and can thank people like Flavio Costa, Zizinho, Ze Moreira and Everisto for picking up the tricks of the trade.

His actual coaching experience covers 1982-83 with America and 1984 with Vasco.

The fourth son of a Portuguese tailor, he is perhaps better known as Zico's brother.

Edu had a distinguished playing career, his best year being 1969 when he was leading goalscorer in Brazil with 19 goals. He failed to make the 1970 World Cup team. In 1975, he went to Vasco and then Flamengo to challenge Zico for the No. 10 jersey.

In 1981, Edu quit playing. He was named a few weeks ago as national coach for forthcoming matches against overseas visitors and is likely to retain the position if Brazil performs well.



EDU shoots for goal during his playing days

PELE CHASES AN OSCAR!

HE may be 43 and way above his best fighting weight, but you can't keep the great Pele out of the headlines.

The brilliant Brazilian is now dribbling round opponents in the film business, playing the part of a modern outlaw, Pedro Mico.

It took 18 months of solid

persuasion before Pele would agree to take up an acting career.

When he's not filming, Pele makes many jet flights between Brazil and the USA to attend to his

various business commitments in export/import and real estate.

His ghost writer is finalising the biography of Pele — "Athlete of the Century." That book

should be on sale before Christmas.

Yes, Pele is a man of many talents. Will he get a screen Oscar to go along with his many footballing Oscars?

CARNIVAL IN RIO

RIO took all the honours in the 1984 Copa Brazil, the final being played between Fluminense and Vasco.

Fluminense won the first leg 1-0 with a goal from Romerito and the second leg produced a 0-0 draw.

Both teams will represent Brazil in the 1985 Co-

pa Libertadores do America.

Leading goalscorers in the Copa Brasil were Roberto Dinamite (appropriately named!) with

BAN FOR SIX

FOLLOWING that so-rough Spanish Cup Final between Bilbao and Barcelona, six players were handed three months suspension.

The players are — Diego Maradona, Miguel Migli and Francisco Clos of Barcelona and Andoni Goicoechea, Miguel Sarabia and Miguel de Andres from Athletic Bilbao.

It will be interesting to see how Barcelona's new coach, Englishman Terry Venables, handles the temperamental Maradona.

Luis Menotti found Maradona quite a handful... even though both are Argentinians.



EDU, the new national coach of Brazil, taking on the position after only three years coaching experience

MADRID GREAT

ALFREDO DI STEFANO was possibly the greatest of all European players during his days with Real Madrid.

Di Stefano is now manager of Real and he has lost none of his aggression.

He unmercifully blasted the notorious Andoni Goicoechea of Bilbao after a particularly rough and tough match between Real and Bilbao.

Goicoechea is the defender whose tackle put Diego Maradona out of football for a long spell with a broken ankle.

After Bilbao's 2-1 win, Di Stefano angrily alleged: "Goicoechea had already been booked when he hit Santillana with a late tackle that could have shattered his ankle.

"But the referee didn't dare send him off because he was playing, if that is the word, on his home ground.

"I will say no more about Goicoechea because I don't like giving publicity

LASHES

GOICOECHEA

not exactly the most popular footballer in Spain.

OLYMPIC POSER

THE club-before-country problem affects even Brazil, where the national team is idolised by millions.

Coach Jair Picerni from Santo Andre is still attempting to get a respectable squad for the Olympic Games — and the deadline is this week.

Guarani and Ponta Preta refused to release any players because the 1984

Sao Paulo Championship is in full swing.

Guarani refused Neto, Ze Mario, Julio Cesar, and Wilson Gotardo. Ponta Preta refused Alfinete and Chicão. In addition, Flamengo would not release Bebeto, Hugo and Laerte while goalkeeper Marola of Colorado Parana was yet another Olympic drop-out.

It seems clubs in Brazil are not at all interested in seeing their team pick up an Olympic gold medal.

TROUBLE IN SPURS CAMP

IT is amazing how Spurs managed to win the UEFA Cup with so much trouble in the club.

In the build-up to the two-legged final against Anderlecht, there was some bitterness about the way manager Keith Burkinshaw was eased out of his job, his many supporters claiming he should stay.

Then there was the agony over a fee of \$48,000 received from a television channel. Players wanted one-third of the cash, namely \$16,000.

Also, the unsettled Steve Archibald again became... unsettled! The Scottish international looks certain to leave White Hart Lane this time.

One of Spurs' big headaches last season was the bad feeling between Archibald and Burkinshaw, but the Tottenham manager still insists Archibald is an excellent player with a big



STEVE ARCHIBALD

future, and regrets the flare-up he had with him.

All came good on the big night, though, when Spurs won the UEFA Cup, 4-3 on penalties.

Keith Burkinshaw was an emotional man when he held the Cup, saying, "Somebody up there likes me. This is a night a manager can only dream about."

O'LEARY SWITCH NOT ON

A report in a London magazine suggests Manchester United boss Ron Atkinson will jump in with an offer of at least \$800,000 for Arsenal centre-half David O'Leary.

The report said the deal would be finalised when Atkinson and his United team returned from their tour of "the Far East!"

But after talking to Atkinson in Sydney about players he might sign, ASW does not believe he is chasing the Arsenal Irishman... although as a partner for Kevin Moran, it would give a real Irish look to the United defence.

Only three could be regarded as "regular" choices — Sammy Lee, Terry Butcher and Peter Shilton.

But Robson should not be blamed for all those switches. Every time he picks a team, there are dropouts and he has to bring in new men.

At the same time, there is a feeling in some circles that England has TOO MANY players from which to select an international side. It is far easier for Wales or Northern Ireland to get a settled team if there are only about a dozen players worthy of caps!

Of the 50 selected players, 21 were given their international debuts by Robson.

Robson has been in charge of the English team for exactly two years and if his critics have their way, he will not be there much longer.

England's main problem, though, is an acute

shortage of world-class players. This will not be remedied by changing the manager.

Interesting to note that, in all the selection changes, one of the most highly-rated strikers in the first division has been called up only once for an England appearance.

We refer to Cyrille Regis. He played against West Germany in October 1982 and has never been sighted, internationally, since.



NO RUSH FOR RUSH TO GO TO ANFIELD

LIVERPOOL's Ian Rush, the most prolific scorer of goals in the first division, said in a recent interview that he refused to sign for Liverpool when they first came after him.

Rush refused to rush! He was playing for Chester at the time and Bob Paisley fancied him a lot. Terms were agreed between the clubs — \$500,000 — but Liverpool insisted Rush had to sign within 48 hours, before the transfer deadline.

Rush was 18 at the time and he had the choice of joining Manchester City, Spurs or Liverpool.

He told Paisley he wanted more time to think about the move.

Rush then worried that he might have missed the bus, but exactly one month after the first Liverpool offer, Paisley returned to Chester and, this time, the boy was signed up.

It took him a long time to settle. After Rush's first season at Anfield, Paisley complained he was not "doing his stuff." A transfer was discussed and Rush almost switched to Crystal Palace.

Liverpool, however, had second thoughts, persevering with a player

who is now one of the most lethal strikers in world football.

It seems he is still a modest young man, de-

spite all the adulation. He said: "People have compared me with the great Jimmy Greaves. I just can't believe that."

Forest stars collecting honours



TWO of the players on tour in Australia with Nottingham Forest, captain Ian Bowyer and young centre-half Chris Fairclough, were honoured by the Midlands football writers recently.

Bowyer was voted Midlands player of the year while Fairclough won an award as Midlands young player of the year.

Forest manager Brian Clough said: "Ian's commitment to the club is staggering and his award was richly deserved. Chris seems to win an award every week, but that should not surprise anyone who knows football."

By the way, Clough is now known as the Scarlet Pimpernel by people in the Forest party on tour here.

Every day, he is expected to arrive in Australia to join the tour but as each day passes without Clough, he is nowhere to be seen.

Forest fly home to England today so it can be safely assumed that Cloughie will not arrive!

LEFT: CHRIS FAIRCLOUGH

RIGHT: IAN BOWYER



PAT WILL KEEP ON KEEPING

PAT JENNINGS, Arsenal's Irish international goalkeeper, was hit by two serious facial injuries in eight weeks.

He damaged an eye and had his nose broken in a match between Arsenal and Coventry City.

That kept him out of action for a month.

Jennings came back to play for Northern Ireland against Wales in Swansea but collected a boot in the face from Ian Rush.

This brought on blurred

vision and a gash on the nose.

Jennings, however, is determined to overcome his present problems and chase Bobby Moore's British international record of 108 caps — after a well-earned rest during the UK summer.

The Irishman, 39 this month, has played for his country 105 times and Moore has 108 English caps.

CELTIC BLAME SFA

ERNIE WALKER, secretary of the Scottish FA, is coping some of the blame for Celtic's Cup Final defeat by Aberdeen!

Celtic, beaten 2-1 in extra time, say Walker placed undue pressure on referee Bob Valentine before the game, instructing the referee to make the Cup Final a showpiece match.

A quarter of an hour before kick-off, Valentine went into the Celtic dressing room to pass on the message.

Celtic claim he was unduly strict, sending off Roy Aitken and issuing three other yellow cards.

Perhaps referees should be barred from team dressing rooms and administrators should not interfere in playing affairs.

GARY GETS OUT

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY's top goalscorer for the past three years, Gary Bannister, has refused a new contract because he doesn't like the style of football played by Wednesday!

Bannister scored 22 goals last season.

At 23, he should not take long to find a new club. Newcastle United, QPR and Aston Villa are all interested. The transfer fee asked will probably be around \$400,000.

If Bannister does leave, the transfer money is unlikely to stay long in the Wednesday kitty.

It could be used to buy John Chiedozie from Notts County.